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March 14, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 4, AND 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. FCC0000368 - Ninth Avenue Drain, vicinities of Industry and Hacienda Heights (1 and 4), W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$65,071.00, and a final contract amount of \$3,587,726.34 (Partial Acceptance).

Project ID No. RDC0014618 - San Bernardino Road at Nora Avenue, vicinity of West Covina (5), Christopher R. Morales, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$3,510.21, and a final contract amount of \$75,745.29.

Project ID No. RMD1546031 - Parkway Tree Trimming, Fast Growth, Road Division 514, FY 2004-05, vicinity of Pasadena (5), with changes amounting to a credit of \$8,278.00, and a final contract amount of \$160,956.00.

Project ID No. WRDD000012 - Live Oak Dam and Reservoir Sediment Removal, vicinity of Claremont (5), Doja, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$405,194.43, and a final contract amount of \$1,370,180.57.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action is to obtain Board ratification of Director-approved changes in public works contracts and Board acceptance of the work of the contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work, which I ordered for Project ID Nos. FCC0000368, RDC0014618, RMD1546031, and WRDD000012.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since acceptance of these completed contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The modifications to the contract amounts range in value from a credit of \$405,194.43 to \$3,510.21, while the total values of the contracts range from \$75,745.29 to \$3,587,726.34.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

## ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT (PARTIAL)

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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000368, NINTH AVENUE DRAIN (in the vicinities of Industry and Hacienda Heights), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4

Contractor: W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc., 7314 Scout Avenue, Bell Gardens, California 90201

### Project Description:

Construction of a reinforced concrete box and pipe storm drains, drainage structures, retaining walls, asphalt concrete pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, and other appurtenant work.

### Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	(\$67,254.62)
(2) Remove Asbestos Pipe	<u>2,183.62</u>
Total	(\$ <u>65,071.00</u> )

### Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract prices reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) It was necessary for the contractor to remove an abandoned asbestos water pipe that interfered with the construction of two catch basins. This work was not shown in the plans.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

### Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on September 29, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

In addition, the County and the contractor are currently negotiating the resolution of a claim submitted by the contractor. Rather than delay payment of the retention to the contractor for completed work, pursuant to Section 7107 of the California Public Contract Code, we recommend all retention be released.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$3,467,493.00
Actual costs of changes in work previously approved by the Board	186,616.84
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	(65,071.00)
Deduction for Overtime Inspection	<u>(1,312.50)</u>
 AMOUNT DUE CONTRACTOR AT THIS TIME	 <u>\$3,587,726.34</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014618, SAN BERNARDINO ROAD AT NORA AVENUE  
(in the vicinity of West Covina), Supervisorial District 5

Contractor: Christopher R. Morales, Inc., 15100 East Nelson Avenue, Industry,  
California 91744

Project Description:

Modification and installation of traffic signals; reconstruction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, and curb ramps; and installation of striping and pavement markings.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$3,510.21)

Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on the contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on December 28, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$79,255.50
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>(3,510.21)</u>
<b>FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	<b><u>\$75,745.29</u></b>

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## ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT

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PROJECT ID NO. RMD1546031, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, FAST GROWTH, ROAD DIVISION 514, FY 2004-05 (in the vicinity of Pasadena ), Supervisorial District 5

Contractor: Great Scott Tree Service, Inc., 10761 Court Street, Stanton, California, 90680

### Project Description:

Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

### Changes in Work:

Variation in Bid Quantities (\$8,278.00)

### Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes. However, the contractor was granted an additional twenty working days to remeasure trees and verify proper bid item quantities.

### Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on November 17, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

### Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$169,234.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>(8,278.00)</u>
<b>FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	<b><u>\$160,956.00</u></b>

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## ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT

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PROJECT ID NO. WRDD000012, LIVE OAK DAM AND RESERVOIR SEDIMENT  
REMOVAL (in the vicinity of Claremont), Supervisorial District 5

Contractor: Doja, Inc., 13224 East Valley Boulevard, La Puente, California 91746

### Project Description:

Removal and disposal of sediment.

### Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$405,194.43)

### Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes. However, 35 days were added to the contract to account for our request that the contractor demobilize from the project during storm weather.

### Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on February 7, 2006, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

### Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$1,775,375.00
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>(405,194.43)</u>
<b>FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	<b><u>\$1,370,180.57</u></b>

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